

Highlights from the Board of Education Meeting October 19, 2000

Consent Agenda

- Final review of recommendations concerning release of Literary Fund loans for placement on waiting list
- Final review of recommendations concerning applications for Literary Fund loans
- Final review of financial report of Literary Fund

Greetings and Comments from Dr. Patricia Picard Cormier, President of Longwood College

Regulatory Items

ITEM	ACTION
First Review of Additional Revisions to <i>Vocational Education Regulations</i> (8 VAC 20-120)	The Board waived first review and authorized the Department to proceed with the revision process as specified in the Administrative Process Act.
First Review of Emergency Regulations Governing the Criteria for Determining Critical Teacher Shortage Areas for the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loans	The Board waived first review and adopted the emergency regulations.
Final Review of Regulations Establishing an Endorsement in American Sign Language (8 VAC 20-21)	The Board adopted the regulations, which amend the <i>Licensure Regulations for School Personnel</i> .
Final Review of <i>Regulations Governing Substitute Teachers</i> (8 VAC 20-640)	The Board adopted the regulations.
Final Review of Regulations Establishing the "Career Switcher" Alternative Route to Licensure for Military Personnel (8 VAC 20-21)	The Board adopted the regulations, which amend the <i>Licensure Regulations for School Personnel</i> .
Final Review of Proposed Revisions to <i>Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia</i> (8 VAC 20-80)	<p>The Board approved further revisions to the regulations, and adopted the regulations. The revisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require that a copy of the evaluation report be available to parents at least two business days before the meeting to determine eligibility. • Clarify that a student placed for non-educational reasons in a nursing home, long stay hospital, or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded is a resident of the local school division in which the parents or guardians reside, unless the student is in a state-operated program.

Other Discussion and Action Items

ITEM	ACTION
First Review of a Proposal to Establish the Massanutten Governor's School for Integrated Environmental Science and Technology to Serve Page, Rockingham, and Shenandoah Counties and the City of Harrisonburg	The Board accepted for first review the proposal to establish the Massanutten Governor's School.
First Review of Nominations for Appointments to the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted	The Board waived first review and approved the appointments.
First Review of Models that Include Research-Based Instructional Methods	The Board accepted for first review the proposed selection criteria and list of Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program models.
Final Review of a Proposed Amendment to Article Ten of the Bylaws of the Board of Education	The Board adopted the proposed amendments regarding the Student Advisory Committee.
Presentation of the Results of a State-wide Study on Effective Practices in Virginia Schools	This item was postponed until the November meeting.

Public Comment

- One person presented comments about the courses and the competency tests for the Modified Standard Diploma.
- Three people presented comments requesting the inclusion of the Armenian genocide in the History and Social Science Standards of Learning.

Public Hearings

- Four people presented comments on the proposed *Regulations Governing Approved Programs for Virginia Institutions of Higher Education* (8 VAC 20-541).
- There were no comments presented on the proposed revisions to the *Regulations Governing Pupil Accounting Records* (8 VAC 20-110).